

## Senate Budget Restructuring and Reallocation Committee update 4/4

The SBRRRC received five budget-related comments submitted through the University Senate's [Feedback and Suggestions website](#) this past week. These comments and our responses are posted at the University Senate [Budget Information page](#). Some of the comments are about alternative work arrangements, the fate of Ray Richards Golf Course, and sports program cuts.

Budget-related developments:

- The estimated legislative adjournment date is more likely to be April 19 or 20 than the original goal of April 14.
- All voluntary separation decisions will be finalized by mid-May.
- The Provost sent a memo to Deans this week to proceed with the 12% reduction plan and adjust as necessary once the budget is finally known.
- The Provost's budget forum featured the UND Alumni Association Foundation. Planned Giving Specialist Laura Block highlighted the benefits of the Foundation's partnership with the university. She also explained the limited ability the Foundation has to help soften the impact of the current budget reduction process. For example, only 3% of total giving in FY 2016 was unrestricted. The [presentation](#) is posted on the Provost's home page.

The SBRRRC at its latest meeting approved recommendations for evaluating requests to recruit tenure-track faculty. The document is being forwarded to the Provost, the University Senate Executive Committee, and the Council of Deans. The SBRRRC also advised the Dean of the Chester Fritz Library on sustainable funding options. The CFL is seeking ways to elevate itself from the bottom to the middle tier of libraries at Research II institutions. This difficult task includes increasing its operating budget by three to four million dollars.

Send us your budget-related comments through the University Senate's Feedback and Suggestions website at <http://und.edu/university-senate/feedback.cfm> or contact any member of the SBRRRC directly.

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